## [EXTERNAL] BOOST Grant Year 3 ASP Funding Recommendation Notice

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To:DaCara Brown <DBrown@augustaga.gov> July 18, 2023

Dear Augusta Richmond County Juvenile Court (City of Augusta, GA),

Here at the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN), it continues to be an absolute privilege to administer the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grant program in coordination with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). Our <u>Year 1 Implementation Report</u> highlights the successes of the BOOST Grants Program throughout the state of Georgia. It also showcases preliminary findings to underscore the stories of expanded access to afterschool and summer programming and speaks volumes to the need for this kind of funding. BOOST funds enable providers to implement innovative ways to reduce barriers to OST participation and increase the quality and scope of services provided to Georgia's youth. Along with a third-party research and evaluation partner, Metis Associates, GSAN is now engaged in our Year 2 and 3 Outcomes and Systems Study using BOOST reporting data, case studies, provider interviews, and much more.

As we close out BOOST Year 2, we look forward to an exciting Year 3, the final award year of the grant program (August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024). Your BOOST grant, which is a reimbursement-based grant, is available to you in the program's Year 3 afterschool period (August 2023-May 2024) and cannot be renewed. <u>Grant funds recommended below must be fully exhausted and requested for reimbursement by September 24, 2024</u>.

While BOOST grants were renewable over a three-year period, the funding amount is dependent on several key factors emphasized since the beginning of the project: **timely submission of a program report**, **compliance with training requirements, responsible and active utilization of funds, number of youth served, and amount (dosage) of OST programming provided.** Providers were asked to draw down at least 30% of their afterschool award or show active drawdowns approaching that amount; providers who were unable to access funds in a timely manner are subject to award penalties. Additionally, initial funding amounts were based largely on the number of youth and dosage reported in the application; in cases where results were *significantly* less than the original projection (or pre-approved project modification), award amounts were lowered to reflect a grant of equitable size to other, similar providers. In some special circumstances and in cases where providers *significantly* exceeded their original projections, award amounts may have been increased accordingly.

Below you will find the results of your BOOST Year 3 AFTERSCHOOL funding recommendations, including the details of any penalties and adjustments. <u>If you believe your funding penalty reflects an error, you must notify</u> <u>GSAN in writing by Monday, July 31 at 9:00 a.m. by emailing boost@georgiavoices.org</u>.

**Total Funding Penalty: \$0.00** 

**Reporting Compliance Penalty: \$0.00** 

**Utilization of Funds Penalty: \$0.00** 

**Total Award Increase: \$0.00** 

Floor Adjustment: \$0.00

**Insurance Adjustment:**\$0.00

Exceptionally high dosage/service numbers Adjustment: \$0.00

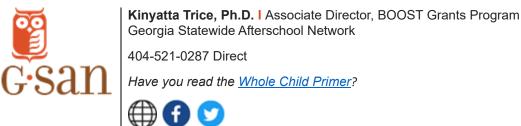
## Year 3 AFTERSCHOOL Funding Recommendation: \$53,550.00

Please note that the GA State Board of Education must formally approve these recommendations at its July meeting before they can be formalized through a *Grant Award Notification*. These amounts are also subject to change if new information is discovered between the date of this letter and the approval date.

GSAN will provide templates for 2023 afterschool program budgets in the new year. No budgeting is required at this time.

Thank you for being on the BOOST journey with GSAN and GaDOE and for the work you do to nurture healthier, stronger, more resilient children and youth in Georgia!

Sincerely,



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